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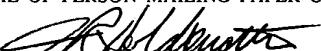
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Concurrently with the entry of the above-identified international application into
the U.S. National Stage, please amend it as follows:

In the Specification (of the English Translation of the Application)

Page 1, line 3, delete the sub-heading "Technical field" and substitute --FIELD
OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, line 8, delete the sub-heading "Prior art" and substitute --
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 15, delete the sub-heading "Description of the invention" and
substitute --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.